

First record of *Angarozonium aduncum* (Mikhaljova in Mikhaljova & Basarukin, 1996) (Diplopoda, Polyzoniida, Polyzoniidae) from mainland Hokkaido, Japan

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Abstract. *Angarozonium aduncum* (Mikhaljova in Mikhaljova & Basarukin, 1996) (Diplopoda, Polyzoniida, Polyzoniidae) is reported for the first time in mainland Hokkaido, Japan. This species was recorded from almost all areas of mainland Hokkaido and Rishiri Island at altitudes between 1 and 1,780 m.

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INTRODUCTION

The order Polyzoniida (Diplopoda) consists of three families, 23 genera, and 72 species worldwide (Enghoff et al. 2015). In Japan and the southern Kuril Islands, three families (Polyzoniidae, Hirudisomatidae, Siphonotidae), four genera (*Angarozonium* Shelley, 1998, *Orsiboe* Attems, 1909, *Kiusiozonium* Verhoeff, 1941, and *Rhinotus* Cook, 1896), and six species (*A. aduncum* (Mikhaljova in Mikhaljova & Basarukin, 1996), *O. ichigomensis* Attems, 1909, *O. putricola* Attems, 1951, *K. japonicum* Verhoeff, 1941, *K. okai* (Takakuwa & Miyosi, 1949), and *Rhinotus okabei* (Takakuwa, 1942)) are known (Attems 1909, 1951; Verhoeff 1941; Takakuwa 1942; Takakuwa and Miyosi 1949; Miyosi 1959; Mikhaljova 1990; Mikhaljova and Basarukin 1996; Mikhaljova 2009; Gongalsky et al. 2014; Shinohara et al. 2015; Mikhaljova 2016). Japanese Polyzoniida requires taxonomic study, for example *Rhinotus okabei* (Takakuwa, 1942), which has been suggested to be a junior synonym of *R. purpureus* (Pocock) (Shinohara et al. 2015).

Angarozonium Shelley, 1998 (Polyzoniidae) is distributed in Siberia, the Russian Far East, southern Sakhalin Island, Kunashir Island, Shikotan Island, northeast China, Mongolia, and North Korea (Mikhaljova et al. 2000; Mikhaljova 2004). According to Shelley (1998), the genus *Angarozonium* is defined by the characteristic of distal podomere of anterior gonopod hirsute and simple, without expansions, lobes or flanges, terminating in variable numbers of moderately long hairs. Since Shelley (1998), one new species was described, and now six are known (Mikhaljova et al. 2000). Although Shelley (1998) pointed out that *Angarozonium* might be distributed on Hokkaido Island, it has not been found there yet. In the present paper, we report *A. aduncum* (Mikhaljova in Mikhaljova & Basarukin, 1996) from mainland Hokkaido, Japan for the first time.



METHODS

Specimens used in this study were collected on mainland Hokkaido and Rishiri Island, Japan from 2001 to 2024 (Figure 1). All specimens were preserved in 70% or 99.5% ethanol. Some individuals were reared at room temperature in plastic containers including soil. Occasionally, they were watered and observed. Specimens were identified under a stereomicroscope (Olympus SZX16) and a light microscope (Nikon ECLIPSE Ni) according to Mikhaljova and Basarukin (1996). The whole body, molting shell, and gonopods were photographed using a mirrorless camera (Olympus OM-D E-M1), a digital camera (Olympus Tough TG-6), and a single-lens reflex camera (Canon EOS Kiss X10). Photographs of gonopods were focus-stacked using focus-stacking software (Zerene Stacker). Body length and body width were measured using ImageJ

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or Hakarundesu v. 0.8.0, onegland.net (Kazuyoshi Natsume, Shizuoka, Japan) (software to measure segmented line length on screen), and body segments (including collum and telson) were counted. Voucher specimens are deposited in the Natural History Museum and Institute, Chiba (CBM), and Rishiri Town Museum (RTMMYR), Japan. Other specimens have been kept in the collection of the Laboratory of Entomology, Obihiro University of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine, Obihiro, Hokkaido, Japan (OUAVM), and with the second author (RK).

The study on Rishiri Island was conducted with permission from the Rishiri-Rebun-Sarobetsu National Park Special Area and Special Protection Zones for the extraction of soil and rocks and the collection of animals (permit no. 2403281).

RESULTS

Order Polyzoiiida Cook in Cook & Collins, 1895

Family Polyzoiiidae Gervais, 1844

Genus *Angarozonium* Shelley, 1998

Angarozonium aduncum (Mikhaljova in Mikhaljova & Basarukin, 1996)

Polyzonium aduncum Mikhaljova in Mikhaljova and Basarukin 1996: 89–91, map 1, figs. 1–3.

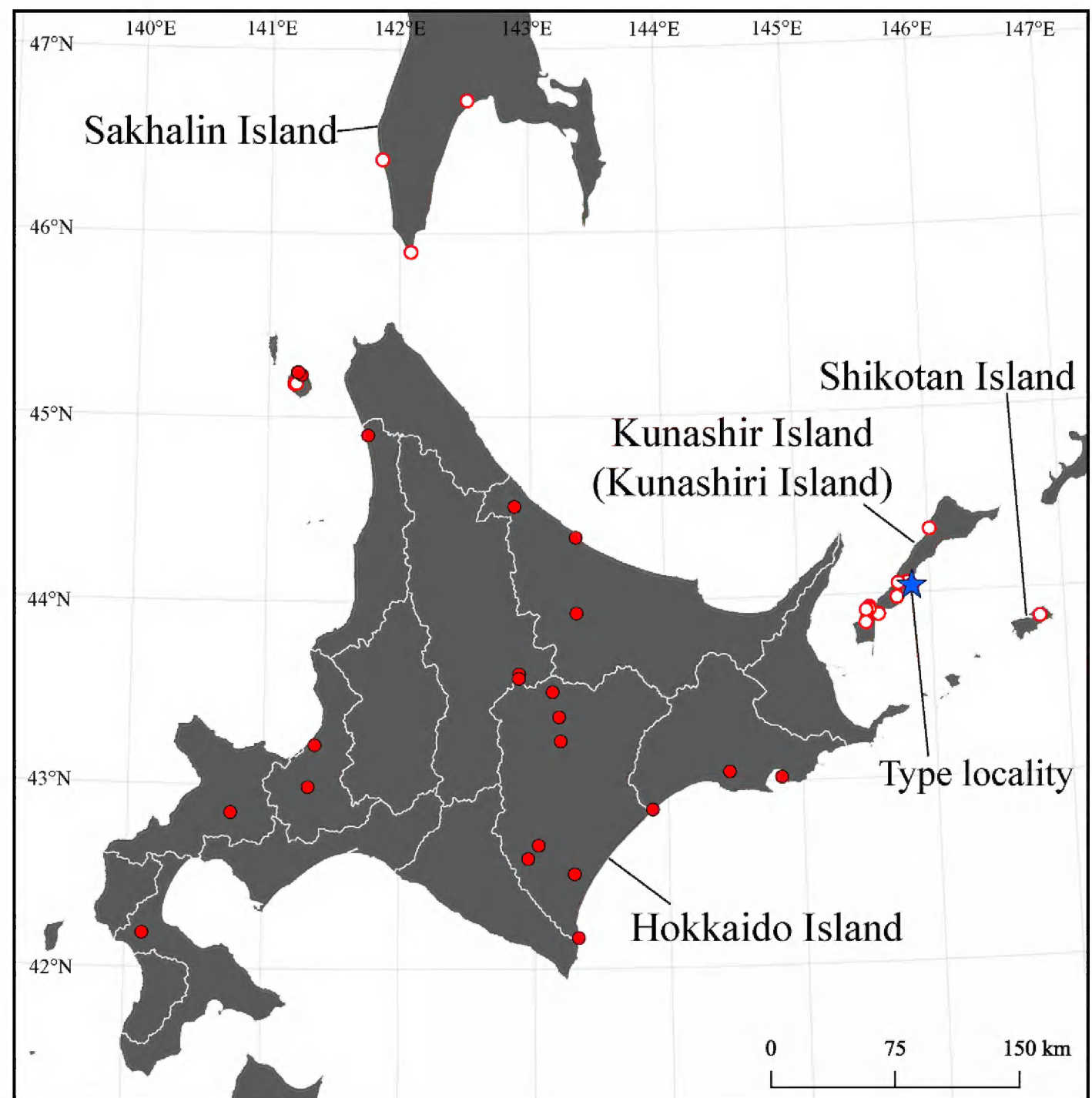
Polyzonium cyathiferum—Mikhaljova 1990: 137 (only Kunashir Island).

Angarozonium aduncum—Shelley 1998: 30; Mikhaljova 1998b: 9, 11–12; map 2, figs. 21, 22; Mikhaljova 2004: 36, 43–45, map 2, figs. 20, 21; Mikhaljova and Marusik 2006: 116, 122, 124–125, figs. 1, 2; Mikhaljova 2009: 63–64, figs. 1, 2; Gongalsky et al. 2014: 371; Mikhaljova 2016: 2; Mikhaljova 2022: 28, 41.

Figures 1, 2

New records. JAPAN – HOKKAIDO PREFECTURE • Rishiri Island, Soya District, Rishirifuji Town, Oshidomari; 45°14'32"N, 141°13'15"E; ca. 20 m alt.; 6.VI.2024; N. Hirakizawa leg.; 1 ♀, RTMMYR42 • Rishiri Island, Soya District, Rishirifuji Town, Oshidomarihonchô; 45°14'29"N, 141°13'13"E; ca. 20 m alt.; 5.VI.2024; R. Kuwahara leg.; 1 ♀, RTMMYR43 • Rishiri Island, Soya District, Rishirifuji Town, Oshidomarihonchô; 45°14'29"N, 141°13'13"E; ca. 20 m alt.; 5.VI.2024; T. Yamauchi leg.; 2 ♂, RTMMYR44–45 • Rishiri Island, Soya District, Rishirifuji Town, Oshidomarisakaemachi; 45°14'25"N, 141°13'06"E; ca. 30 m alt.; 6.VI.2024; R. Kuwahara leg.; 1 ♂ 1 ♀, RTMMYR46–47 • Rishiri Island, Soya District, Rishirifuji Town, Oshidomarisakaemachi; 45°14'25"N, 141°13'06"E; ca. 30 m alt.; 6.VI.2024; R. Kuwahara leg.; 1 ♂, OUAVM • Rishiri Island, Soya District, Rishirifuji Town, Oshidomarisakaemachi; 45°14'25"N, 141°12'53"E; ca. 40 m alt.; 6.VI.2024; R. Kuwahara leg.; 4 ♂, OUAVM • Rishiri Island, Soya District, Rishirifuji Town, Oshidomariwannai; 45°13'34"N, 141°14'51"E; ca. 130 m alt.; 5.VI.2024; T. Yamauchi leg.; 1 ♂, RTMMYR48 • Hokkaido Island, Okhotsk District, Ômu Town; 44°30'46"N, 142°52'19"E; ca. 150 m alt.; 08.VI.2024; N. Hirakizawa leg.; 1 ♂, OUAVM • Hokkaido Island, Okhotsk District, Mombetsu Town, Ôyama-chô; 44°20'28"N, 143°20'03"E; ca. 110 m alt.; 27.IV.2023; N. Hirakizawa leg.; 2 ♂ 8 juv., OUAVM • Hokkaido Island, Okhotsk District, Engaru Town, Maruseppu, Kamimurii; 43°55'50"N, 143°20'00"E; ca. 270 m alt.; 27.IV.2023; N. Hirakizawa leg.; 1 ♂, OUAVM • Hokkaido Island, Okhotsk District, Engaru Town, Maruseppu, Kamimurii; 43°55'50"N, 143°20'00"E; ca. 270 m alt.; 15.IV.2024; N. Hirakizawa leg.; 1 ♂, OUAVM • Hokkaido Island, Kamikawa District, Kamikawa Town, Mt. Daisetsu, near Chubetsu-numa Pond; 43°36'10"N, 142°53'52"E; ca. 1,780 m alt.; 03.VII.2001; M. Maruyama and H. Sugaya leg.; 26 ♂ 11 ♀ 80 juv., CBM-828–830 • Hokkaido Island, Kamikawa District, Kamikawa Town, Mt. Daisetsu, near Chubetsu-numa Pond; 43°36'10"N, 142°53'52"E; ca. 1,780 m alt.; 03.VII.2001; M. Maruyama and H. Sugaya leg.; 1 ♂, OUAVM • Hokkaido Island, Kamikawa District, Kamikawa Town, Mt. Daisetsu, near Chubetsu-goya Hut; 43°34'42"N, 142°53'45"E; ca. 1,640 m alt.; 03.VII.2001; M. Maruyama and H. Sugaya leg.; 1 ♂ 2 juv., CBM-831 • Hokkaido Island, Rumoi District, Teshio Town, Kawaguchi; 44°54'03"N, 141°45'32"E; 6 m alt.; 24.IX.2023; R. Wakimura leg.; 1 ♀, CBM-832 • Hokkaido Island, Kushiro District, Akkeshi Town, Aikappu; 43°01'10"N 144°50'20"E; ca. 80 m alt.; 12.VI.2021; T. Yamauchi and N. Hirakizawa leg.; 1 ♂ 1 juv., OUAVM • Hokkaido Island, Kushiro District, Akkeshi Town, Aikappu; 43°01'10"N, 144°50'20"E; ca. 80 m alt.; 17.X.2021; N. Hirakizawa et al. leg.; 1 ♀, OUAVM • Hokkaido Island, Kushiro District, Kushiro City, Ombetsu-chô, Chokubetsu; 42°51'30"N, 143°52'43"E; ca. 20 m alt.; 18.X.2021; N. Hirakizawa leg.; 15 ♂ 1 ♀ 7 juv., OUAVM • Hokkaido Island, Kushiro District, Kushiro Town, Toritôshi; 43°03'20"N, 144°27'16"E; 2 m alt.; 06.V.2022; Y. Isono leg.; 2 ♂, CBM-841 • Hokkaido Island, Kushiro District, Kushiro Town, Toritôshi; 43°03'20"N, 144°27'16"E; 2 m alt.; 06.V.2022; Y. Isono leg.; 1 ♂, CBM-842 • Hokkaido Island, Tokachi District, Kamishihoro Town, Mitsumata; 43°30'17"N, 143°08'49"E; ca. 650 m alt.; 13.V.2023; N. Hirakizawa leg.; 1 juv., OUAVM • Hokkaido Island, Tokachi District, Kamishihoro Town, Nukabiragensenkyo; 43°22'04"N, 143°11'37"E; ca. 530 m alt.; 24.X.2021; N. Hirakizawa leg.; 1 ex., OUAVM • Hokkaido Island, Tokachi District, Kamishihoro Town, Kamiotofuke; 43°14'12"N, 143°12'11"E; ca. 340 m alt.; 17.IX.2021; N. Hirakizawa leg.; 1 ♀, CBM-833 • Hokkaido Island, Tokachi District, Obihiro City, Iwanai-senkyô; 42°40'13"N, 143°01'58"E; ca. 250 m alt.; 24.VIII.2020; T. Yamauchi leg.; 1 ♂, CBM-834 • Hokkaido Island, Tokachi District, Nakasatsunai Village, Minamisatsunai; 42°35'53"N, 142°57'16"E; ca. 380 m alt.; 14.IV.2022; N. Hirakizawa and S. Kajiware

Figure 1. Distributional records of *Angarozonium aduncum*. Closed circles - locality of specimens examined, open circles - previous records (Mikhaljova and Basarukin 1996; Mikhaljova 1990, 2009, 2016; Maehara et al. 2003; Gongalsky et al. 2014).



leg.; 1 juv., OUAVM • Hokkaido Island, Tokachi District, Taiki Town, Moiwa; 42°30'46"N, 143°17'46"E; ca. 100 m alt.; 19.VI.2024; I. Maezaki and R. Saito leg.; 1 ♀, OUAVM • Hokkaido Island, Tokachi District, Hiroo Town, Bitatanunke; 42°10'00"N, 143°19'13"E; ca. 20 m alt.; 09.VII.2023; R. Wakimura leg.; 1 ♀, OUAVM • Hokkaido Island, Tokachi District, Hiroo Town, Bitatanunke; 42°10'00"N, 143°19'13"E; ca. 20 m alt.; 31.VIII.2023; R. Wakimura leg.; 1 ♂ 1 ♀, CBM-835–836 • Hokkaido Island, Ishikari District, Sapporo City, Minami-ku, Kawazoe-chô; 42°59'16"N, 141°19'35"E; ca. 140 m alt.; 22.IV.2022; R. Wakimura leg.; 1 ♀, CBM-839 • Hokkaido Island, Ishikari District, Sapporo City, Minami-ku, Kawazoe-chô; 42°59'16"N, 141°19'35"E; ca. 140 m alt.; 26.VI.2022; R. Wakimura leg.; 1 ♀, OUAVM • Hokkaido Island, Ishikari District, Sapporo City, Minami-ku, Kawazoe-chô; 42°59'16"N, 141°19'35"E; ca. 140 m alt.; 20.IX.2022; R. Wakimura leg.; 3 ♂, CBM-837 • Hokkaido Island, Ishikari District, Sapporo City, Minami-ku, Kawazoe-chô; 42°59'16"N, 141°19'36"E; ca. 140 m alt.; 16.X.2022; R. Wakimura leg.; 1 ♂, CBM-838 • Hokkaido Island, Ishikari District, Ishikari City, Funabachô; 43°12'58"N, 141°22'26"E; 2 m alt.; 29.V.2022; Y. Isono leg.; 1 ♀, CBM-843 • Hokkaido Island, Ishikari District, Ishikari City, Funabachô, Makunbetsu Wetland; 43°12'57.66"N, 141°22'25.75"E; ca. 1 m alt.; 23.IV.2023; Y. Isono and K. Takeshita leg.; 3 ♂ 2 ♀, RK • Hokkaido Island, Shiribeshi District, Kutchan Town, Takamine, Mt. Yôtei-zan; 42°50'46"N, 140°45'26"E; ca. 340 m alt.; 08.X.2023; N. Hirakizawa leg.; 2 ♂ 2 ♀ 1 juv., CBM-840 • Hokkaido Island, Shiribeshi District, Kutchan Town, Takamine, Mt. Yôtei-zan; 42°50'46"N, 140°45'26"E; ca. 340 m alt.; 08.X.2023; N. Hirakizawa leg.; 3 ♂ 3 ♀, OUAVM • Hokkaido Island, Shiribeshi District, Kutchan Town, Takamine, Mt. Yôtei-zan; 42°50'47"N, 140°45'25"E; ca. 342 m alt.; 08.X.2023; R. Kuwahara leg.; 4 ♂, RK • Hokkaido Island, Oshima District, Yakumo Town, Namarikawa; 42°11'10"N, 140°07'24"E; ca. 200 m alt.; 09.X.2023; N. Hirakizawa leg.; 1 ♂ 2 ♀, OUAVM • Hokkaido Island, Oshima District, Yakumo Town, Namarikawa; 42°11'10"N, 140°07'24"E; ca. 200 m alt.; 21.IV.2024; N. Hirakizawa leg.; 1 ♀ 1 juv., OUAVM.

Identification. On the basis of Mikhaljova and Basarukin (1996), we identified all specimens as *A. aduncum* by the semi-cylindrical shape of the anterior gonopod coxal processes (Figure 2E) and the unciform process at the latter's external edge (Figure 2E).

Measurements. Males ($n = 78$): body 4.5–16.7 mm in length, 1.0–1.9 mm in width, body segments (including collum and telson) varying from 25 to 44 in number. Females ($n = 33$): body 5.4–18.6 mm in length, 1.1–1.9 mm in width, body segments (including collum and telson) varying from 28 to 46 in number.

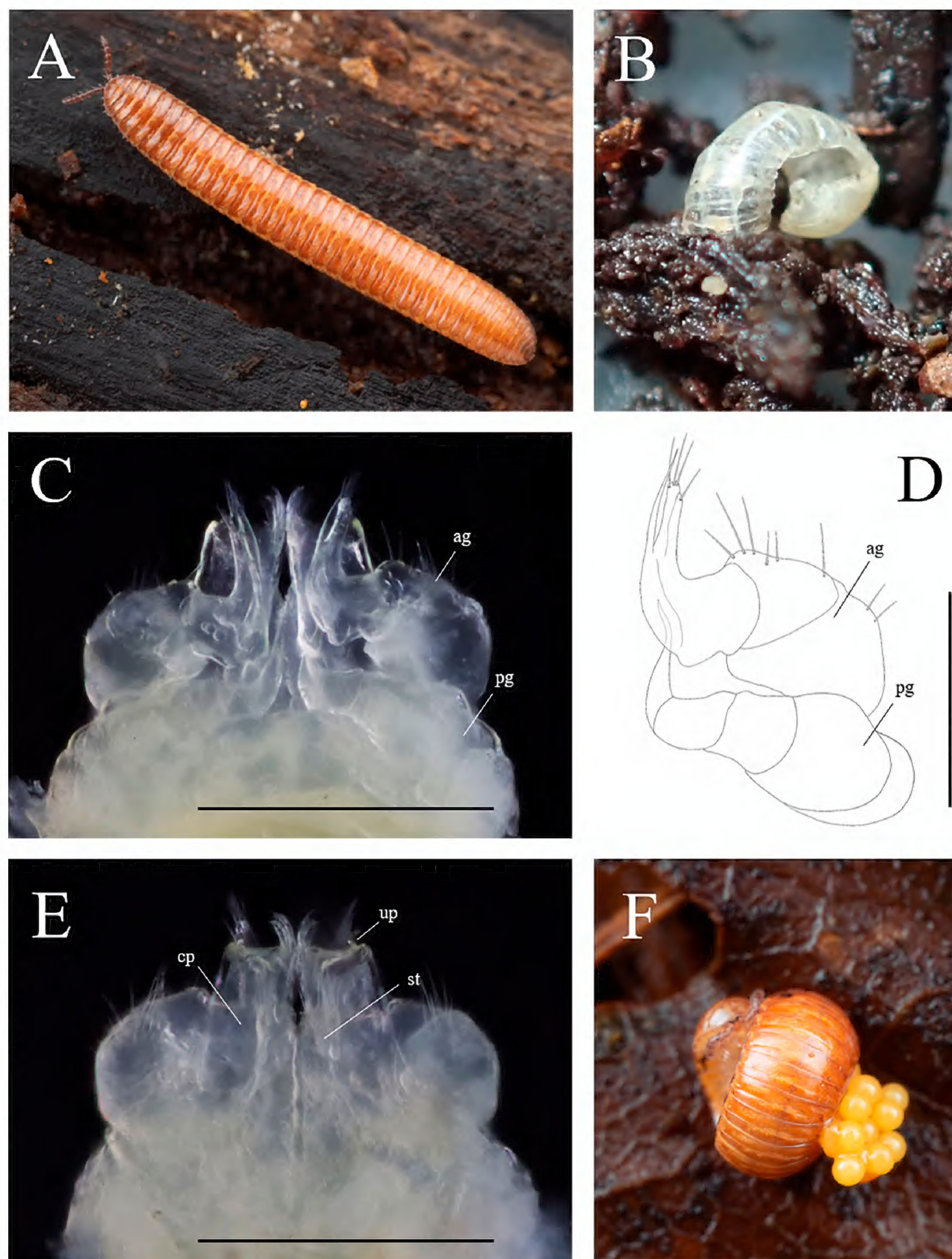


Figure 2. *Angarozonium aduncum*. **A.** Habitus, dorsal view (Kutchan Town). **B.** molting shell (Sapporo City, Minami-ku). **C.** gonopods, posterior view (Hiroo Town, Bitatanunke). **D.** left gonopods, posterior view (Hiroo Town, Bitatanunke). **E.** gonopods, anterior view (Hiroo Town, Bitatanunke). **F.** curling around to guard eggs (Rishiri Island, Rishirifuji Town). Abbreviations: ag, anterior gonopod; pg, posterior gonopod; up, unciform process; cp, coxal process; st, sternite. Scale bars: C, E = 0.4 mm; D = 0.2 mm.

Remarks. According to Mikhaljova and Basarukin (1996), the record of *Polyzonium cyathiferum* Mikhaljova, 1981 from Kunashir Island by Mikhaljova (1990) misidentified *A. aduncum*. On the other hand, *P. cyathiferum* was considered a junior subjective synonym of *Angarozonium amurense* (Gerstfeldt, 1859) by Shelley (1998) and reconfirmed by Mikhaljova (1998a).

Ecology. *Angarozonium aduncum* has been collected in woodland mosses and forest litter, and also on the banks of lakes (Mikhaljova 1998b). In this study, this species was collected mainly from forest litter. After *A. aduncum* specimens collected from Sapporo City were reared, two individuals were molted. The molting shells were left in the rearing container, and *A. aduncum* did not eat them (Figure 2B).

It has been known that the female of polyzoniid millipedes protect her eggs (Enghoff et al. 2015). We found a female of *A. aduncum* curling around to guard 21 eggs in Rishirifuji Town, Rishiri Island (Figure 2F).

DISCUSSION

Although *Angarozonium aduncum* has been previously recorded from southern Sakhalin, Kunashir, and Shikotan Islands (Mikhaljova and Basarukin 1996; Mikhaljova 1990, 2009, 2016, 2022; Gongalsky et al. 2014), the species was newly recorded from almost all areas of mainland Hokkaido at altitudes between 1 and 1,780 m in the present study. This species was collected on Hokkaido not only in the lowlands but also in the high mountains.

Maehara et al. (2003) recorded Hirudisomatidae gen. sp. from the Kutsugata trail at altitudes of 200 m, 400 m, and 600 m in Rishiri Town, Rishiri Island in June. In the present study, we studied at the same site and same month but did not find polyzoniid millipedes. Instead, we collected only *A. aduncum* at several sites on Rishiri Island. Therefore, the previous record of Hirudisomatidae gen. sp. on Rishiri Island is considered to be a misidentification of *A. aduncum*.

Polyzoniid millipedes continuously add segments during development for an indeterminate period of time, even after adulthood (Enghoff et al. 1993). Previously, *A. aduncum* was reported to have a body length of 6–10 mm, a body width of 0.9–1.9 mm, and a total number of body segments (including collum segment and telson) ranging from 31 to 39 (Mikhaljova 2004). In this study, the maximum body length was 18.6 mm, the maximum body width was 1.9 mm, and the largest number of segments was 46 from a specimen near Chubetsu-numa Pond, Mt. Daisetsu, Kamikawa Town, Hokkaido, Japan. No significant differences were found in the morphology of the gonopods and other characteristics of specimens collected at high altitudes and those collected in other areas.

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Data availability

All data that support the findings of this study are available in the main text.

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